

Atty Docket No. 2421-0331-2X PCT

"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 2877"

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Ryuzou TOMOMATSU

: GROUP ART UNIT: 2877

SERIAL NO: 09/147,520

: EXAMINER: R. ROSENBERGER

FILED: FEBRUARY 22, 1999

:

FOR: SURFACE INSPECTION
APPARATUS AND SURFACE
INSPECTION METHOD

:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 12, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 6, and 13-16, without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 1, 5, 9, 11, and 12 as shown in the Marked-Up Copy at the end of this amendment. Amended claims 1, 5, 9, 11, and 12 are shown in clean form below.

1. (Twice Amended) A surface inspection apparatus comprising:
a light source for applying a light to a surface of an object to be measured;
an objective lens opposite to the surface of the object to be measured and for receiving a reflected light applied from said light source and reflected on the surface of the object to be measured;

10/C
G. Flory
6-26-01

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

JUN 12 2001

RECEIVED